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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Personnel

SUBJECT : CIA Reserve Corps.

1. Present planning assumptions for continuity of essential functions of Government in the event of enemy attack and future threats of enemy capabilities along this line portend a very high mortality rate among staffs of Government agencies. Even with the best considered plans for emergency relocation and with the most effective implementation of such plans we may very well stand to lose an extremely high percentage of irreplaceable key personnel.
2. It is believed advisable to examine the possibilities of organizing a reserve corps of persons presently outside of the Agency, of such caliber and background as to fit them for assuming key positions to supplement the surviving staff of this Agency in time of such great emergency.
3. It is suggested that a reservoir of such personnel lies in the group of men living today in various parts of the country who have at some time in the past occupied positions of responsibility in this Agency but who have left under amicable and honorable circumstances to return to private business. In addition to these men, there are consultants who have worked in the past, or are working at present, on matters of importance for this Agency.
4. It is my understanding that the Assistant Director for Personnel is prepared to accept the responsibility for this planning and that, in fact, a study is already under way.
5. In view of the responsibility of the Deputy Director (Administration) for over-all emergency planning, this office would like to be of any assistance that it can. [redacted] will be glad to consult with you at any time.

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